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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1600  
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No.: 1678

Yusuke SAKATA, *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 1638

Application No.: 10/566,267

Examiner: David H. Kruse

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For: METHOD OF BREEDING AZALEA

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 5, 2009

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 11, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the claims are submitted beginning on page 2.**

**Remarks are submitted beginning on page 7.**